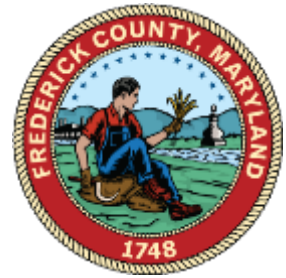




Frederick County Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes for
2/15/17



FCSC Attendees: Tom Anderson, Jennifer Bird, Annie Jones, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Joe Richardson, Kevin Sellner, Tim Jones, Rachel Armistead, Elizabeth Peterson, Mike

OSER: Shannon Moore, Lisa Orr, Suzanne Cliber

Public: Samantha Hogan, Rich Maranto, Ron Hardeman, Melissa Johnson

I. Welcome and Introductions

- A. The Chair (Annie Jones) welcomed all FCSC members and guests with introductions by all.

II. Vice Chair Items

- A. Approval of January minutes.
1. Approval of January Minutes. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes, Joe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.
- B. Review Action Items
1. Committees for Indicators and EPP, passed signup around again.

III. Metrics

- A. Sustainable Maryland Workshop
1. Defining the problem
 - Engagement and Communication
 - Ask questions
 - Perform assessments
 - Set priorities and metrics
 2. Measuring what matters
 - Indicators
 - Impacts

- Benchmarks
- Audits
- 3. Data Collection
 - Define and understand data
- 4. Data Sources
 - MD Open Data Portal
 - Frederick County participates
 - Federal – Data.gov
- 5. Analyzing Data
 - Review relationships between data
- 6. Visualizing the Results
 - Know your audience
 - Decide what you want to say
 - Have photos, infographics, videos
- 7. Tools
 - Internet based tools
 - Responsiblepurchasing.org (EPP information)
 - Naspo.org/green (EPP information)
 - Data sources like Maryland open portal
 - Guides, white papers

IV. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

- B. The County Executive previously signed a memo authorizing the FCSC to develop recommendations for an EPP policy.
 - Looking to identify one or two EPP items and create a pilot program for purchasing
 - Develop training, education, and outreach for county employees in EPP
 - Plan a workshop with Sustainable Maryland, invite county employees and municipalities, provide State and County resources to attendees

V. Monocacy River Plan

- A. Monocacy River Board has received extensive public comment requesting that the overlay be removed from the plan
 - Concerns regarding property values and rights
- B. The Board decided to remove the overlay
- C. Tim Goodfellow to make his next presentation on March 8 at the Monocacy and Catoctin Watershed Alliance

VI. OSER and Livable Frederick: EE Work Group Updates

- A. Green Homes Challenge recognition event.
 - 1. 600 certified households this year.
 - 2. Event to be held at the Delaplaine on March 23. Looking for volunteers.
- B. Spring community outreach events.
 - 1. Also looking for volunteers.
- C. Green Leader Brigade trainings upcoming in April.

VII. Solar Farm Bill Update

- A. Solar Facility accessory uses permitted.
- B. Community Energy Generators, total square footage shall not exceed square footage of principal structure.
- C. Solar facilities in agricultural districts
 - 1. Not to be located on agricultural easements, priority preservation areas, or within 5 miles of US 15, The Journey through Hallowed Ground.
 - 2. Shall not exceed the lesser of 10% of the property or 75 acres in size.
 - 3. Bill to be reintroduced at an upcoming County Council meeting.
 - 4. Discussion regarding FCSC recommendations.
 - Consider recommendations for smaller distance from US 15, and size of property allowed for solar development.
 - Clarify whether non-tillable land is excluded from the regulations.

VIII. Commission Members Items of Interest

- Jenn – Sustainability conference in Baltimore April 14th <http://lightcity.org/labs-at-light-city/green-lab/>
- Liz – Attended MAEEO conference, few FCPS attendees
- Kevin – Lake Anita Louise has not shown any new algal bloom. Fountain Rock Quarry is showing signs of cyanobacteria. Emmitsburg is thinking of using ultrasonic treatment.
- Annie – Ron Hardeman introduction.
 - Environmental protection specialist with the USDA, performing NEPA studies.
- Ron – EV group attended the Washington Auto Show. Good turnout, great interest. Motorweek Choice Awards – Chevy Bolt received Car of the Year.
- Tim – CTC Tiny House will be on exhibit at the Frederick Home Show on March 18 at the Frederick Fairgrounds. Tim's company applied spray foam for the house and provided additional insulation. It is being considered as a prototype for senior housing.
- Tom – New MD bill regarding EV rebates. Will include a charging station re-imbursement. Can we interact with a Hood spring meeting? Tom and Kevin can contact Drew Ferrier.
- Mike – Thoughts on Forest Conservation requirements and land value.
- Joe –
 - DNR is considering Joe's property for a stream restoration grant. Joe wants to do historic sediment analysis on the property. Site to be long term monitoring site for macroinvertebrates and water quality. Use local students to do soil borings. Looking to make presentation to AP science classes.
 - Sustainable building almost complete. FCSC invited for a field trip.
- Rachel – Teaching a workshop at Rooting DC, food advocacy and sustainability group. Sweet Farm will be a food vendor at Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference at University of MD in March.
- Shannon – 110 sign ups for Solar Coop and 10 contracts. Illicit discharge complaint in Woodsboro, traced back to a quarry with a discharge issue.

IX. Public Comments

- Melissa
 - Contacted Linda Norris
 - Joe – Linda Norris to host compost summit in May

Action Items:

8-18-16. Choose water quality/watershed indicators to help develop sustainability goals.

10-10-15. FCSC committees: Invite community volunteers to join.

10-8-15. County Green Teams: Ron has assembled a comprehensive list that includes municipalities with teams and contact information shown.

Adjournment: Following a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.